

ABSTRACT

An information distribution system is provided which can distribute a movie and so on while restricting the copying of 5 information more widely and properly in the case where the information such as a movie is distributed via a network and so on.

Change copy control information (XCI1, XCI2, XXI1, and XXI2) and normal copy control information (CCI1 and CCI2) are superimposed on reproduced information and are distributed. The change copy 10 control information is used when a changing operation for changing the quality of reproduced information is performed, and the normal copy control information is used when the changing operation is not performed.